

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A vehicle door system comprising:
a lower door assembly defining a cavity, said cavity open adjacent an edge of said lower door assembly;
an upper door assembly at least partially receivable within said cavity; and
a trim assembly mountable to said lower door assembly, said trim assembly comprising a hinged trim portion movable to engage said upper door assembly and at least partially seal said cavity.
2. The vehicle door system as recited in claim 1, wherein said hinged trim portion comprises a living hinge.
3. The vehicle door system as recited in claim 1, wherein said hinged trim portion is defined substantially parallel to said edge.
4. The vehicle door system as recited in claim 1, wherein said upper door assembly comprises a door cassette.
5. The vehicle door system as recited in claim 4, wherein said door cassette comprises a movable glass window.
6. The vehicle door system as recited in claim 1, wherein said upper door assembly comprises a side curtain assembly.
7. The vehicle door system as recited in claim 1, wherein said hinged trim portion comprises a reinforcement structure.

8. The vehicle door system as recited in claim 7, further comprising a seal extending from said reinforcement structure.

9. The vehicle door system as recited in claim 1, wherein said lower door assembly comprises a frame.

10. The vehicle door system as recited in claim 9, wherein said trim assembly comprises a hook engageable with said frame.

11. The vehicle door system as recited in claim 10, wherein said hook is adjacent said hinged trim portion.

12. The vehicle door system as recited in claim 9, wherein said trim assembly comprises an attachment engageable with said frame.

13. A method of configuring a vehicle door comprising the steps of:
- (1) removably mounting an upper door assembly within a cavity defined by a lower door assembly; and
- (2) pivoting a hinged trim portion to engage the upper door assembly and at least partially close the cavity.
14. A method as recited in claim 13, further comprising the step of:
attaching a trim assembly to the lower door assembly prior to said step (2).
15. A method as recited in claim 13, wherein said step (1) further comprises:
resiliently mounting the upper door assembly to the lower door assembly.
16. A method as recited in claim 13, further comprising the steps of:
removing fasteners from the trim portion; and
pivoting the trim portion away from the cavity prior to said step (1).
17. A method as recited in claim 13, further comprising the step of:
securing the hinged trim portion to the lower door assembly after said step (2).